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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF
INSERTING SPINAL IMPLANTS

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Examiner: U. Ho

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the restriction requirement dated July 25, 2003, Applicant provisionally

elects to prosecute claims 172-184, 190-195, 201, 202, 207-226, 237, and 238 drawn to

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01 FC:1251 Species 1, Figs. 4-10. In addition, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

A GUARD FOR USE IN PERFORMING HUMAN INTERBODY SPINAL
SURGERY APPARATUS AND METHOD OF INSERTING SPINAL IMPLANTS